

# The Lemoore Caller

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday A.M. Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Sunday P.M. Worship.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Classes.....7:00 pm

## THE CHURCH PREACHES GOOD NEWS

At the core, the New Testament church proclaims good news, a message that brings hope, help, strength, and joy. The gospel is, by definition, “good news” (1 Corinthians 15:1–4). Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.<sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,<sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. God instructed His ministers to “exhort” His people, preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. (2 Timothy 4:2), which literally means “to call to one’s side for a word of encouragement.” People are looking for a positive message on Sundays? The church is the right place to look. God wants people to possess hope, peace, acceptance, and courage. While the negative is useful, it is rarely helpful to leave that as the last word. To quote William Clark upon finally seeing the Pacific Ocean, “Oh the joy” of serving God!

**Romans 12:10-13** Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

<sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

# Lemoore Church of Christ

April 14, 2019

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## Services:

Today: 9:30 Bible Classes  
10:30 Morning Worship  
5:00 Evening Worship  
Wed. 7:00 Bible classes

## Servants for April

**Greeter:** Whitney Broaddus  
**Communion Prep** Garth and Tiffany Radcliff

## Men Leading Services for April 14:

**Welcome/Call to Worship:** Gary Rice

**Song Leader:** Gary Curtis

**Opening Prayer:** Craig Case

**Prayer List:** Gary Cole

**Lord's Table: LEAD:** Frank Baldwin  
Randy McCord  
Herminio Gutierrez  
Brandon Hodgson

**Scripture Reading:** David Sander

**Announcements/Cl. Prayer:** Frank Baldwin

**Alternates:** Clofas Case, Rich Rhoads, Richard Bullough

**P.M. Song Leader:** Gary Curtis

## Wednesday Night: April 17

**Songs:** Gary Cole

**Speaker:** Gary Rice

**Announcement/Cl. Prayer:** Frank Baldwin



## Upcoming Events:

**April 14** Easter luncheon and Egg Hunt  
**April 17** Craft Day for FYBC  
**April 28** Birthday Fellowship  
**May 5** Ron Hutcherson Speaks in evening  
**May 13** Men's Business meeting  
**May 19** Birthday Fellowship  
**May 27** Memorial Day BBQ at YBC  
**May 29** 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Singing-we host



## Easter Luncheon and Egg Hunt

Our annual luncheon and Easter Egg hunt will be held today after morning services. All are invited to join us for a potluck lunch and watch the kids hunt for eggs.



## Birthday Fellowship:

Comfort Food is the theme for our next birthday Fellowship. It will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and Lisa Butts will be our hostess.



## FYBC Craft Day

There will be a craft day this Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> here at the building. The hours will be 10 am-12 noon. Please let Denise know if you plan to attend – she has had no response to date.



## FYBC News

We are currently collecting items for our Memorial Day Basket. The theme is "Tea Party". We need tea related items. There are items that have been suggested on cards on the bulletin board. Please take the card of the item you wish to donate.



## Memorial Day BBQ

The annual Memorial Day BBQ, sponsored by the YBC board, will be held on Monday May 27. Garrett Sander will be the guest speaker that day. It is a wonderful weekend and camp is free to stay for the weekend. If you would like to reserve a room – please see Gary Rice for more information.



## Guest Speaker

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Ron Hutcherson will be speaking on Sunday Evening. He will be telling us about the work in Ghana.

*"Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord."*

*Psalms 31:24*



## Prayer List

**June England, wife of YBC caretaker**, fell and broke her wrist. PT has not been going well.

**Jeff Greene**, former member here, recovering from heart surgery

**Richard Bullough** will be consulting a specialist in San Francisco regarding surgery.

**Wes Cole, brother to Gary Cole**, passed away.

**Brenda Talbert, mother of Donna Boyd from FYBC**, has been diagnosed with a glioblastoma. Even with treatment, the family will cherish your prayers over the next 9 months.

**Emilio Franco** recovering from surgery

**Sandy Curtis** is home

**Doug Standridge** is home

**Frances Aguirre** recovering from shoulder surgery and she is in the process of scheduling back surgery.

**Maria Concilion**, Isabel Gutierrez' mom; waiting for test results

**Mike Virden** is home in Lemoore

**Lois Atchley, Sandra Case's grandmother**, under hospice care.

**Jack Otto's daughter, Robin**, recovering from back surgery.

**Becky and Glen Fraley**, Glen has been placed on 2 transplant lists. He has been in the hospital with pneumonia.

**Hal Crain** is having dialysis 3x a week.

**Leon and Lois Collins**, Wilma Cole's brother and family, for strength with daily issues.

**Lavita Hardison**, Donna Case's sister, currently in a nursing home due to a stroke she had last May

**Casey Case, Jr.**, ongoing Oncology treatment.

**Dennis Thomas**, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, undergoing cancer treatment.

**Jordan Willis** deployment for the Navy

**First Responders**

**Military and their families**

**Those traveling**

**Our Mission Work:**

**\*Our Preachers in Nicaragua**

**\*Agape Village**

**\*Crossover Ministry**

**\*City of Children**

**\*Manuelito Children's Home**

**\*church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund**

**\*World Christian Broadcasting**

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup>a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

<sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What gain has the worker from his toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man. <sup>14</sup>I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. <sup>15</sup>That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

## How to study the bible Part 2

What's the secret to understanding the Bible? What's the key to knowing its true meaning? I'll give you a clue - it's not the latest book, or some new theological or interpretive scheme. What's the secret? The answer is - there is no secret!

**The Importance of Desire** Why don't you know the latest philosophy of science insights into induction, theories of proof and heuristics? You don't care, right? Exactly! Because there is no interest, there is no desire. And without desire, you really don't learn anything very well. Have you ever heard someone tell you to do something at work, but because you had no interest in what was being said, or perhaps because you had an interest in something else, you didn't pick up on all of the instructions being given to you? Have you ever explained to your son or daughter how to complete some task only to realize after you finished talking that they had not understood at all what you were saying? Perhaps it's because they were not interested in what you had to say. Perhaps it's because they wanted to do something else. Without desire, understanding can be difficult.

**Desire To Know God's Word** Understanding the Bible is no different. One of the factors involved in learning what the Bible teaches is really quite basic. It's the same principle that we found was necessary to learn anything. In order to understand the Bible you have to want to know. You must desire to learn the truth of God's word. The role desire plays is crucial. While it does not guarantee that you will know everything that you might want to know, or that any specific claim is true simply because you want it to be true, desire is still imperative if you really seek to understand the word of God. In John 7:17 Jesus said: "If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority." Jesus taught that if anyone wants to do God's will he can know whether or not His teaching was authoritative. Note that desire precedes knowing. This is the key to knowing the truth of God's will. We must want to know it. The same principle is alluded to in Matthew 5:6: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." What is the level of your desire for righteousness? Do you hunger and thirst for it? Are you just as concerned for knowing and doing God's word as you are for seeking to fill your stomach? Without this kind of desire to do God's will, we severely cripple our efforts to know God's will.

Ezra, the priest and scribe who figured so prominently in the restoration of Israel, had this desire. Ezra 7:10 describes this attitude: "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel." Is your heart prepared to seek God's law? Do you have the desire to want to know it more than anything else? That's what it will take to learn God's word. The writer of Proverbs teaches this in chapter 2, verses 1-9: "My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path." Notice the number of words used in this passage that indicate desire. We must "receive" God's words. We must "treasure" his commands. We must "incline" our ears to wisdom. We must "apply" our hearts. We must "cry out for discernment." We must "lift up" our voices for understanding. We must "seek her as silver." We must "search for her as for hidden treasures." Only then will we know and understand God's will.

Perhaps no greater example of this desire can be found than that of Paul. Note his thoughts in Philippians 3:8-11: "But indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."

Paul was willing to give up everything to have "the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus." Paul wanted to "know Him and the power of His resurrection." Do you have that kind of desire to know God's will? Without it, you will never know all God wants you to know. With it, you can know all the truth that God wants you to know to be saved (Proverbs 23:23; John 8:32; 1 Peter 1:22).